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DE 101 27 211 and the English language abstract attached thereto disclose a car air conditioning control adjustment unit having a rotating knob with an evenly lit outer ring.

EP 0 570 870 and the English language abstract attached thereto disclose a rotatable selector switch for mounting on a circuit board of an electrical apparatus.

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